Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state

(a) whether any research has been completed successfully by the Central Power Research Institute regarding extraction of aluminium from ash of thermal power plants,

(b) whether the Government propose to chalk out any programme on the basis of the said research, and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) (a) to (c) The Central Power Research Institute, Bangalore, has successfully carried out extraction of alu mina on laboratory scale using lime soda sinter process, a process currently under trial in Poland A pilot plant with a capacity of one kg per day is expected to be ready for trial runs by March, 1993 Based on the results of the batch plant trials at CPRI further programming would be possible

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Expansion of Hydro Electric Projects between India and Nepal

6155 SHRI RAJVEER SINGH Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state

(a) whether any accord has been signed for expansion of hydro electric projects between India and Nepal during 1991,

(b) if so, the details of such major and small hydro-electric projects, considered for this purpose and

(c) the places where these plants are proposed to be set up and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) (a) to (c) During the visit of the Prime Minister of Nepal to India in December, 1991, it was, inter alia, agreed that –

- for Karnali Project (18,800 MW) on Mahakali river in Nepal discussions should be continued, inter alia, to finalise the technical aspects,

- a detailed project report for Pancheshwar Hydroelectric Project (3000 MW) on river Sharda on Indo-Nepal border to be jointly prepared by October, 1992

- modalities of investigations and methods of assessment of benefits for Kosi High Dam (3000 MW) on the river Kosi in Nepal, to be finalised

- field surveys to be jointly conducted by June, 1992 for Burhi Gandaki Hydroelectric Project (600 MW) The detailed project report to be prepared by 1994

- on Tanakpur Hydroelectric Project in Uttar Pradesh, Govt of India to undertake (i) investigations of the road connecting the barrage to East-West Highway at Mahendranagar (ii) supply of water from the barrage in accordance with agreement (iii) immediate consideration of left afflux bund and (iv) India would provide to Nepal 10 million units of power annually, free of charge,

- Nepal will prepare feasibility report

for Kamla and Bagmati reservior schemes by 1993.

Assistance to Angro–Based Industries and Food Processing Industries

6156. SHRI PRATAPRAO B BHONSLE: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some States have drawn up plans to help agro-based industries and food processing industries;

(b) if so the details thereof?

(c) whether the Union Government propose to issue any guidelines to States to draw such plans;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (e). Chief Ministers, Lt. Governors and Administrators of all States and Union Territories have been requested by the Minister of Food Processing Industries to formulate suitable schemes and make necessary financial provisions for development of food processing industries in the Eighth Plan period in their States/Union Territories. The States/ Union Territories, inter alia, have been requested to evolve suitable policy measures, administrative support measures and undertake procedural simplifications for attracting investments in the food processing sector in their states/Union Territories. States/Union Territories have also been advised to make necessary public sector investment for development of infrastructure and also make certain public sector investments in areas where private investment is not easily forthcoming. Some States have responded to the above letter and have informed that they are taking suitable steps in this regard.

Assistance to Food Processing Units

6157. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government propose to help and assist the food processing units in the country to improve their production capacity; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b). Ministry of Food Processing Industries has formulated several plan schemes for providing assistance for developing food processing industries during 8th Plan which inter-alia include assistance to State Government Organisations/Cooperatives/Voluntary agencies/Joint Sector/Assisted sector units for setting up or enlarging food processing facilitates, developing backward linkage with farmers, marketing support, pork, poultry and other meat processing facilities, tuna and other fish processing facilities, deep sea fishing and processing, setting up of cold chain, research and development in food processing and packaging and training of man power in certain sectors.

High Power T.V. Transmitters In Karnataka

6158. SHRI KODAKANI GOWDANA SHIVAPPA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to set up high power TV transmitters at Dharwad, Bagalkot, Pavagad, Raichur and Mysore in Karnataka;